

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in this application.

1.(Currently amended) A conditional execution decision device for the conditional execution of interactive television services linked to broadcasted enhanced audiovisual programs and received via a communication network, said interactive television services having predetermined life spans defined by temporal information relating to a validity of execution of said interactive television services, said temporal information comprising predetermined instants of said interactive television services that are synchronized with said broadcasted enhanced audiovisual programs, said device comprising:

- a module for receiving information associated with said interactive television services, provided to receive said information prior to the execution of said interactive television services;

- a module for identifying, from said information received, information concerning computer programs required to execute said interactive television services associated with said information;

- a module for checking local availability of said identified computer programs;

- a selective decision module executing said interactive television services if said computer programs required for said services are available locally;

- a module for acquiring computer programs, and triggering a download of said computer programs required for said services if said computer programs are not available locally; and,

- an automatic selective decision module controlling acquisition of computer programs by one of allowing and preventing the downloading of said computer programs according to said temporal information, said temporal information being included in said information associated with said interactive television services.

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3. (Currently amended) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 2 1, wherein the selective acquisition decision module allows said downloading if said downloading is completed before predefined instants of said services, extractable from said temporal information, and said selective acquisition decision module prevents said downloading otherwise.

4. (Previously presented) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said predefined instants specify ends of validity of execution of said services.
5. (Previously presented) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said predefined instants specify starts of validity of execution of said services.
6. (Previously presented) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the selective acquisition decision module acquires downloading times of said computer programs required and not available locally, and estimates when said downloading is expected to be completed.
7. (Previously presented) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said information associated with said services includes at least one forced downloading indicator having an activated value and a deactivated value, said selective acquisition decision module forcibly allows said downloading if said forced downloading indicator has the activated value.
8. (Previously presented) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a module for acquiring sizes of said computer programs required and not available locally and the selective acquisition decision module allows and prevents said downloading according to said sizes.
9. (Previously presented) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the selective acquisition decision module estimates downloading times of said computer programs required and not available locally according to said sizes and local reception capabilities for said computer programs, and allows said downloading when said downloading allows an at least partial subsequent execution of said services.

10. (Previously presented) The conditional execution decision device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said services include messages of announcement of services and contents, the reception module receives said information associated with said services, in said announcement messages of services and the information identification module extracts said information from said service announcement messages.

11. (Currently amended) A conditional decision method for conditionally executing interactive television services linked to broadcasted enhanced audiovisual programs, said interactive television services having predetermined life spans defined by temporal information relating to a validity of execution of said interactive television services, said temporal information comprising predetermined instants of said interactive television services that are synchronized with said broadcasted enhanced audiovisual programs and said interactive television services being received via a communication network, said method comprising:

- receiving information associated with said interactive television services prior to the execution of said services,

- identifying, from said received information, information concerning computer programs required for the execution of said interactive television services associated with said information,

- checking local availability of said identified computer programs,

- selectively executing said interactive television services, where execution is allowed if said computer programs required for said interactive television services are available locally,

- downloading said computer programs required for said interactive television services if said computer programs are not available locally, and,

- selectively acquiring computer programs, where selection to enable or prevent downloading of said computer programs is according to said temporal information, said temporal information being included in information associated with said interactive television services.

12. (Currently amended) A device for compiling information messages associated with interactive television services, said messages being transmitted to users before execution of said associated interactive television services linked to broadcasted enhanced audiovisual programs, said device including means for incorporating in said messages information concerning computer programs required for execution of said interactive television services, wherein said incorporation means includes in said information at least one forced downloading indicator having one of an activated value and a deactivated value, said indicator forces ~~forcibly allowing~~ downloading of said computer programs required ~~if~~ when said indicator has the activated value.

13. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

compiling information messages associated with interactive television service;

transmitting said messages to users before execution of said associated interactive television services;

incorporating in said messages, information concerning computer programs required for executing said interactive television services;

including in said information at least one forced downloading indicator having one of an activated value and a deactivated value;

forcing downloading of said computer programs required when said indicator has said activated value.

14. (Currently amended) A medium having recorded thereon a computer program comprising instructions for executing a method when said program is run on a computer, said method comprising:

receiving information associated with interactive television services linked to broadcasted enhanced audiovisual programs, said interactive television programs having predetermined life spans defined by temporal information relating to a validity of execution of said interactive television services, said temporal information comprising predetermined instants of said interactive television services that are synchronized with said broadcasted enhanced audiovisual programs, said information associated with interactive television services being received prior to the execution of said services,

identifying, from said received information, information concerning computer programs required for the execution of said interactive television services associated with said information,

checking local availability of said identified computer programs, selectively executing said interactive television services, where execution is allowed if said computer programs required for said interactive television services are available locally,

downloading said computer programs required for said interactive television services if said computer programs are not available locally, and,

selectively acquiring computer programs, where selection to enable or prevent downloading of said computer programs is according to said temporal information, said temporal information being included in said information associated with said interactive television services.

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16 (Previously presented) The conditional execution decision device of claim 1, wherein said conditional execution decision device forms part of a decoder.